

Public Power and the Road Ahead

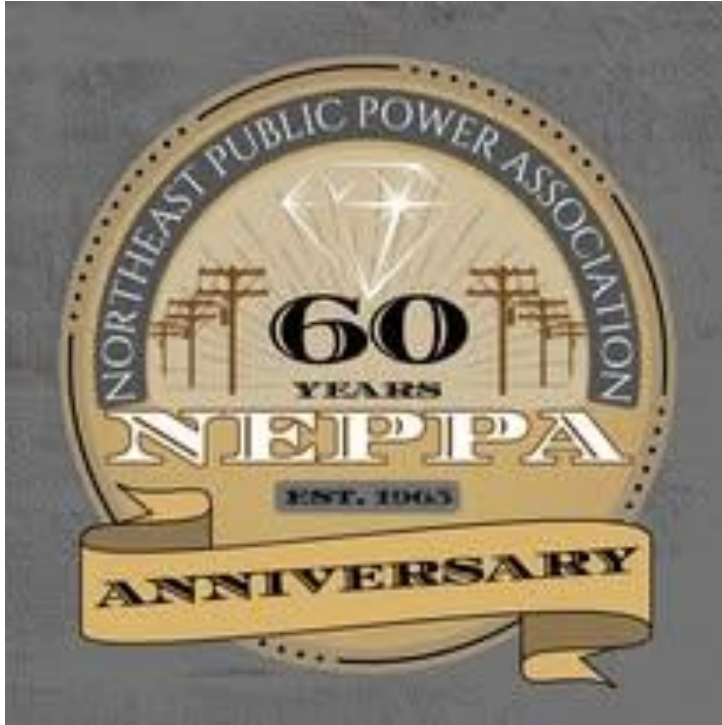


NEPPA Annual Conference

Scott Corwin, President and CEO, APPA
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Happy 60th, NEPPA!



APPA turns 85 this year...



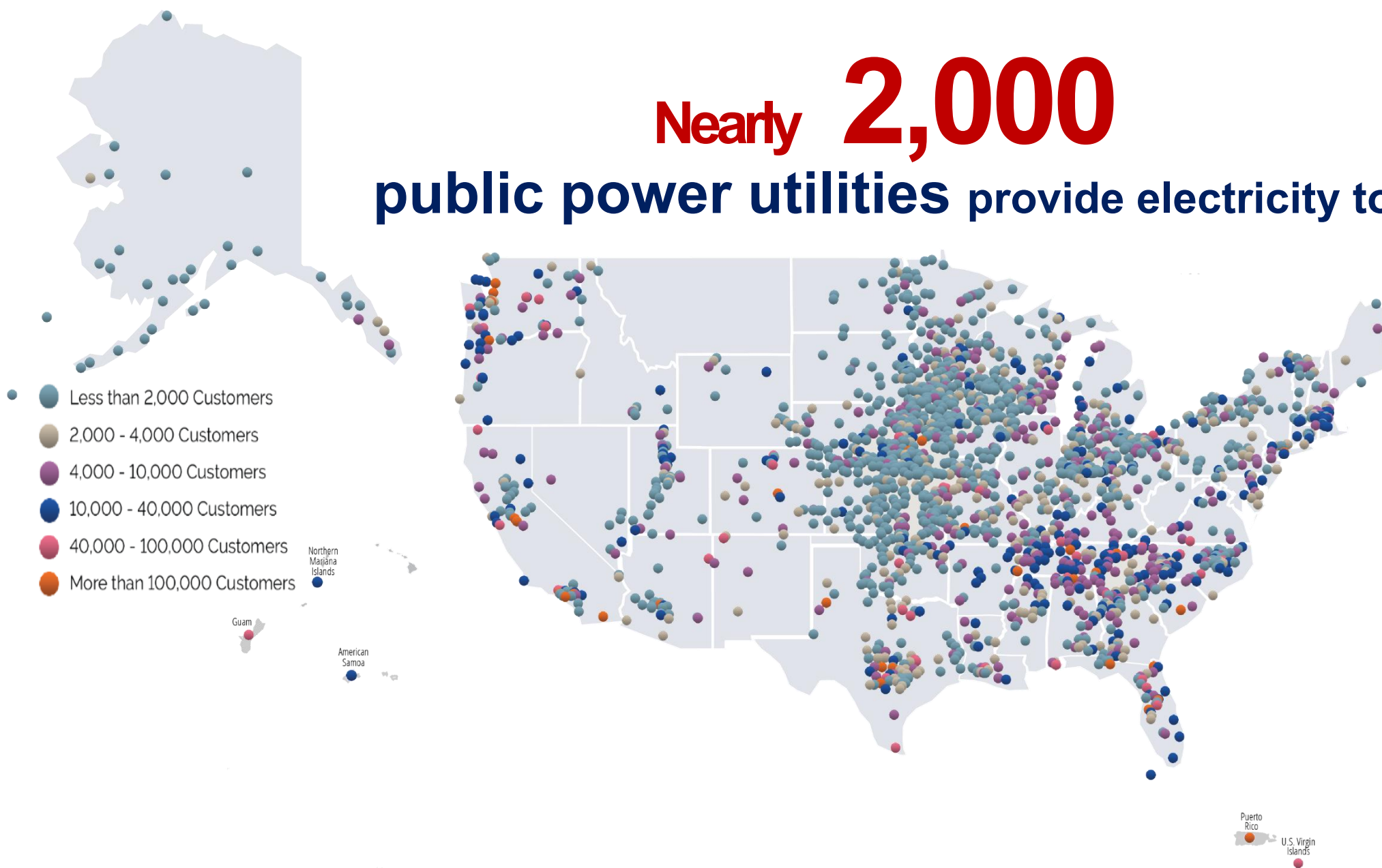
Advocacy, Technical Services, &
Training/Networking

Nearly **2,000** public power utilities provide electricity to

55
million people

49
states and

5
U.S. territories



Advocacy in 2025 – Affordability/Reliability

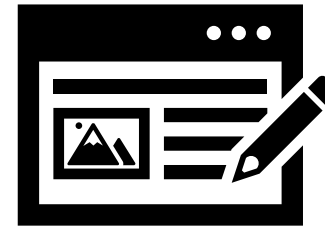


**Tax Exempt
Financing &
Infrastructure**

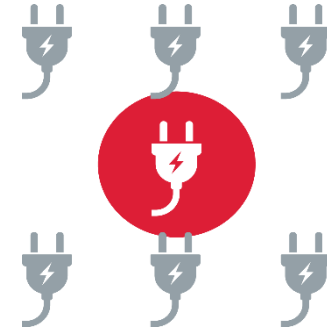
**Elective
Payment
Tax Credits**



**Grid
Security**



**Permitting
Reform**



**Reliable
Power
Supply**

Legislation and The Big Reconciliation Bill

- Budget Reconciliation – aims and outcomes for public power
 - Process and Vote-a-thons
 - Finance Mechanisms
 - Treatment of Generation Projects
 - Foreign Sourcing and Investors
 - Regs & Moving Forward...



PUBLIC POWER BUILDS WITH BONDS

Public power relies on municipal bonds to develop all kinds of projects. From 2014 to 2023, public power financed **751 projects** for **\$69.8 billion**. About 10% of all projects across the U.S. funded by municipal bonds from this time were for power-related projects.

With \$15.7 billion in new money bonds issued for power-related projects, 2023 was the highest year for power-related bonds in more than a decade. And 2024 continued to see increased issuances.

Here's a look at some of the public power projects across the country #BuiltbyBonds.



HAVE A PROJECT BUILT BY BONDS?

ADD IT TO THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION'S
BUILT BY BONDS MAP AT WWW.GFOA.ORG/BUILT-BY-BONDS-ENTRY-FORM

Other Regulation and Legislation

- Energy Dominance Agenda
- Repeal and Replace
- Opportunities... Permitting...



Supporting a Secure, Reliable, Resilient Grid

- Policy and Resource Adequacy
- Load growth and AI
- Grid Transformation
- Extreme Events- Wildfire, Hurricanes, Others
- Physical and Cyber Security
- Gas-Electric Interdependence



Addressing Trends – Meeting Challenges

**Distribution
Performance**

**Power Supply
Management**

**Financial
Health**

**Community
Engagement**

**Human Resource
Excellence**

**Superior
Customer
Service**

**Advocacy and
Communicating**

Invest in Technology

**Public Power Forward – A Guide to Utility Operational
Excellence**

PublicPower.org/OperationalExcellence



Next Public Power Frontiers





Aiding Operational Excellence

eReliability Tracker

eSafety Tracker

Safety Manual

R&D funding and
technical assistance
via Demonstration of
Energy and Efficiency
Developments (DEED)

Recognizing Leaders in Excellence

Reliable Public Power
Provider

Smart Energy Provider
program

Safety Awards

Mutual aid commendation

Learning through info, training, and events...

Your Source

- Online networks: *Engage*
- Public Power Current newsletter
- Public Power Now podcast
- *Magazine, social media*
- Info papers on key topics
- Promoting Public Power site
- www.publicpower.org/about



Events & Training

- Major conferences coming up:
 - **Business and Finance**
 - Sept 7-10 Raleigh, NC
 - **Legal and Regulatory**
 - Oct 12-15 San Diego
 - **Customer Service/ Comms**
 - Nov 2-5 Salt Lake City
 - **Rodeo/Engineering and Ops**
 - Late March 2026 Huntsville, AL
- Summits and workshops
- Certificate programs

On Demand Learning

Convenient

Cost-effective

Timely information
on key topics

Examples:

- Public Power 101, or
- Webinars on DOE Grants at no extra charge

PublicPower.org/APPAAcademy



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Public Power: Stronger Together



“Those who do not look upon themselves as a link, connecting the past with the future, do not perform their duty to the world.”

- Daniel Webster

Questions?

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